GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Human-Wildlife Conflict
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any rise in human-wildlife conflicts during the last few years;
(b) if so, the details of the loss of human lives during the last three years, State-wise;
(c) whether special measures have been taken by the Government for safety in human settlements situated on the periphery of wildlife sanctuaries/national parks; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a)&(b) The information available with the Ministry indicates a fluctuating statistic in the incidences of human wildlife conflict in the country. The details of human wildlife conflict cases are not compiled at the level of Central Government. However, the State-wise details of loss of human lives due to tiger and elephant, during the last three years, as available in the Ministry, are given in Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

(c)& (d) The Central Government provides financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for management of wildlife and its habitats in the country. The activities supported under the scheme inter-alia include construction/erection of physical barriers, such as barbed wire fence, solar powered electric fence, bio-fencing using cactus, boundary walls etc. to prevent the entry of wild animals into human habitat: improvement of augmenting the availability of food and water in forest areas to reduce the entry of animals from forests to habitations; payment of ex-gratia relief to the victims of wild animal attacks and depredation.

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